

THE LEGISLATIVE BILL.

What It Ground Out To-day.
In the Senate to-day Mr. Blair presented a petition from the citizens of the District.

ment of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, and for other purposes approved March 3, 1881. It was placed on the calendar.

St. Louis and San Francisco Railway.

Mr. Hawley moved that the bill ratifying the act of the general council of the Cherokee Nation of Indians, granting to the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Company right of way for a railroad and telegraph line through that nation, be recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Maxey, who introduced the bill, and secured a favorable report, proceeded to

Coke also made a few remarks, after which Mr. Logan wanted to know if Congress had not made a treaty with the Indians by which it was agreed that no railroad could be built except by consent of the Indians. Mr. Coke said if it had that it was inoperative, because the Government could not dispossess itself of the right of eminent domain.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Hill, of Georgia, and Hawley, after which the bill was recommitted.

Justice Hunt Retired

Mr. Davis claimed that the bill was more for the benefit of the whole country than for justice to the colored people. It had passed no other appointment could be made.

The bill was passed by a vote of 41 to 14.

In the House

In the House to-day a memorial from the Protestant Episcopal Church against polygamy was presented and read. Various private bills were reported. Among others the bill to amend the act to prohibit the

The Committee on Rules.

The Robeson report on the Committee on Rules then came up as unfinished business. Mr. Belford, of Colorado, leading off with a lively speech ridiculing the whole busi-

Capital Notes.

A. C. Uihle was to-day appointed to a position in the House folding-room, and Franklin A. Jones to a position in the clerk-room.

Major Powell and Mr. Stephenson, of the geological survey, were before the House Printing Committee to-day, and explained matters pertaining to the publishing of their reports.

I. L. Ward, of New York, appeared before the House Committee on the Judiciary yesterday, and was heard on behalf of the Iowa Manufacturers' Association for the distribution of the Geneva award.

The matter of pay to the employees of the

The House Committee on Ways and Means to-day informally discussed the advisability of spending \$100,000. The committee agreed to report favorably the bill to relieve the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad of certain internal revenue taxation. A number of gentlemen interested in sugar legislation had private conferences with members of the committee to-day.

Several heads of divisions of the General Land-office appeared before the proper subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Public Lands and urged the need of a fire-proof deposit for the records of that office, and also represented the fact that the Interior bureau had no room for the records of the various bureaus now located therein.

The Patents Committee of the House met to-day. The chairman, Mr. Thomas L. Young, announced the subcommittee as

The House District Committee held a short meeting to-day, and authorized the sub-committee on Judiciary to hear parties with reference to the legal provisions of the bill relating to the title of lands, as regards quieting titles and the condemnation of lands. Gen. Hutton will address the committee on the subject next Monday. Mr. Neal, the chairman, states that the object is to secure data for his forthcoming report, and that the bill is a merely delay tactic on the bill by the House.

The House Committee on Railways and Canals yesterday took up the Hennepin Canal bill, which proposes a route to con-

The committee held a meeting to-day and passed a resolution to the effect that "this committee has no objection to Mr. Haskell's resolution, presented in the House to-day, on the subject of all matters concerning Indian depredations, heretofore referred to this committee, or heretofore introduced, shall go to the Committee on Indian Affairs." Also, another resolution "that whenever a sub-committee of this Committee on Claims, on preliminary examination of a case, thinks there is no jurisdiction of such a committee, it have jurisdiction of such a case, the said sub-committee shall, before further action is taken in the case, refer the question of jurisdiction to the whole committee."

National Board of Trade.

The National Board of Trade resumed its session at Willard's Hotel to-day. The special committee on bankruptcy legislation, of which the Hon. Charles C. Tamm is the chairman, presented a comprehensive report of what is known as the "Lowell bill," and the discussion of this question occupied the main part of to-day's session. A recess was taken at 12 o'clock, and the committee then proceeded in a body to the White House and paid their respects to President Arthur, who received them cordially and expressed great satisfaction at meeting them and in their consideration of trade and commerce of the country.

Three straw ball cases have been postponed until 2 o'clock to-morrow.